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SUPPLEMENTAL RESTRAINT FOR AUTO-RACK RAILROAD CAR RESTRAINT SYSTEM

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

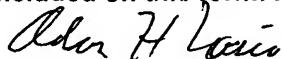
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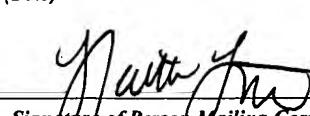
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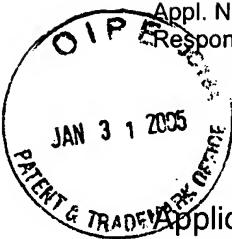


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 7, 2005 , please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.